

THE SIN EATER.

A Curious Funeral Rite Which Formerly Obtained in Wales.

The principle of Wales has within living memory possessed an official known as the "sin eater." says a London Journal. It was the practice for a relative—usually a woman—to put on the breast of a deceased person a quantity of bread and cheese and beer, and the sin eater was sent for to consume them and to pronounce the everlasting rest of the departed. It was believed that in doing this he absolutely ate and appropriated to himself the sins symbolized by the viands, and thereby prevented their disturbing the repose of the sterner who had committed them. Such an arrangement would obviously leave nothing to be desired on the one side, but how it worked on the other was not told. What was supposed to be the condition of this spiritual undertaker after the ceremony was concluded? Did his "appropriation" of the dead man's sins imply a sort of moral assimilation of them, answering to his physical assimilation of the bread and cheese? The question would obviously be one of some importance to a sin eater in large practice. If the responsibility of his profession were as great as they would appear to have been on this hypothesis, he would need to retire from it early and to devote a considerable portion of his life to years of repentance and good works.

Again, it is natural to ask what happened at the death of a popular or "fashionable" sinner. Would any one among his professional brethren undertake to eat his sins, even in the first flush of satisfaction produced by stepping into his shoes? If so, then, indeed, has the epithet of "gallant" been rightly bestowed upon little Wales. It is as though one doctor succeeding to another's practice should consent to assume the moral responsibility for his late colleague's treatment of all his deceased patients in addition to his own spiritual duties.

We yield to none in admiration of the quiet and homely heroism of the medical profession, but we doubt whether it would assuage the feelings of a sinner as this. As to the Welsh practitioners to whom we have compared them, we shrink from permitting the analogy further. It is evident that, as in the schoolboy game of "conquerors," where a stone which can smash the smasher, of say, 45 other stones, takes over all its conquests, and becomes itself a "forty-fourer," so the responsibilities of these unhappy men might accumulate as an alarming rate. One hardly dares to contemplate the internal condition of the sin eater of a sin eater who had in life attended a long series of other sin eaters. The chances are that he converted into Welsh rabbit before he had got it down.

THE SHIP WAS AGROUND.

But the Passengers Discovered That Fact in a Roundabout Way.

It must be about ten years since I was returning to this country from New York on board one of the Anchor Line boats. We left quite early in the morning, and were steaming down the bay in high hopes of a pleasant trip. We soon got into a thick fog, and after passing Sandy Hook at about quarter past five, the ship ran aground. The majority of the passengers, however, knew nothing of our plight, for the propeller kept on churning up the water in front. We efforts to get the vessel off the mud, and the fog was so dense that very few people noticed we were not making headway.

The captain dispatched his first officer to Sandy Hook to telegraph the position of affairs to the agents, but as the engine was still kept going no one suspected that anything unusual had occurred.

Presently the boat returned, but no questions were asked, and no one seemed to have the idea that there was any need to ask them.

Two or three hours passed, and an ocean tug came alongside one of the Newsboys came on board to sell their papers, and did a good business. "Extra! Extra!" was their cry, and these "extras" contained on the front page a full and graphic account of the stranding of the vessel on which they were disposing of them.

"Great Scott!" exclaimed one man who had invested in a paper, "don't these papers know how to lie! Here's one saying now that our ship has run aground!"

"So we are, and likely to remain," answered an officer, upon which the passenger ran to the side of the vessel and looked over in order to convince himself.

The news now, of course, began to spread all over the ship, but it was too much for everybody when a quarter of an hour later a stout old gentleman sprang up from his seat and yelled, "Jehovah! We're aground," and then ran full tilt along the deck in a fearful state of terror.—London Telegraph.

Treasurer Upton's Request.
Mr. Harriet Taylor Upton, as treasurer, has sent out her annual letter, reminding the members of the N. A. W. S. A. that their contributions are now due. Accompanying this letter, Mrs. Upton has sent out a printed slip which reads as follows: "Do you not know some believer in woman's political advancement who may not care to take an active part in local, state or national work, and yet who would become a member of the National American Society if you asked her personally or sent her the enclosed article of the constitution? Will you not try to get one contributing member? Will not every member act on this suggestion?"

Defaced.
Teacher—And what is meant by keeping the Sabbath?
Ethel—It means—it means to think of something you would like to do, oh, ever so much, and then you doing it 'cause it's Sunday.—Indiana's Journal.

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IT WAS LITTLE CROW

THE BAD INDIAN KILLED BY YOUNG CHAUNCEY LAMPSON.

A Leader of the Sioux Whose Mischief Begins With an Act of Base Ingratitude. The Government's Struggle With the Redskins During the War.

The Sioux or Dakota tribe of Indians has been for a considerable time the most powerful confederation of aborigines on the American continent. They could place today several thousand warriors in the field, and they have given our government much trouble during the past generation. It was the Sioux who were the most actively engaged in war with us, after the discovery of gold in California in 1849 caused such a stream of emigration across the continent as they were the leaders in the destruction of Ouster and his command; it was they who perpetrated the terrible massacres of 1862 in Minnesota and who came so near bringing on a general war in 1890-1.

Among the famous leaders of the Sioux was Little Crow, who at the beginning of the outbreak of 1862 was living in a comfortable brick house near one of the agencies, which had been erected by our government as an inducement for him to help in the civilization of his turbulent people. He was counted upon as one of the staunchest friends of the whites and indeed had lost caste with many of his own people because of his support of their measures.

Yes on the fatal day in August when the fierce braves ran to his house and awoke him from sleep to ask his advice as to what should be done, Little Crow, instead of counseling peace, told them that, inasmuch as trouble must inevitably occur between the whites and his people, it might as well begin then as at any time. He proposed that they should go to the agency and kill the traders and volunteers to act as their leader. Having thus identified himself with the hostiles, he became one of the most bitter and unrelenting of them all. He possessed considerable ability, and he threw himself heart and soul into the fight. He was the leader in several of the most decisive defeats received by detachments of troops; was in command in the attacks on New Ulm, Fort Ridgely and the agencies, struck many hard blows, and though he personally did not wish to torture prisoners was too weak to prevent his men from doing so.

It always takes a civilized government a considerable while to shake itself into shape when such a crisis comes. The civil war being then under way, and a number of armed men were in Minnesota because of the call of President Lincoln for volunteers. By and by Colonel Sibley was able to reach the Indians, with the consequence that they were badly beaten. Not only did the majority surrender, but the leaders in the atrocious butcheries were caught and tried and 38 were hanged at Mankato in February, 1863.

Little Crow, however, fled northward with a large body of warriors and took refuge in the neighborhood of Devil's Lake, where, the following year, he renewed his crimes and outrages. He was so defiant that he notified Colonel Sibley where he was, adding that soon he intended to arrive with his men at the Yellow Medicine agency.

The authorities became so incensed against the Sioux because of their atrocities that they organized scouts to hunt them down and offered a reward for every one that was killed. Such was the state of affairs when, on Friday afternoon, July 8, 1863, Chauncey Lampson, a boy, and his father, were walking along the road several miles north of Hutchinson, one of the towns that had suffered severely from the massacre. Each had a gun over his shoulder, and they were walking side by side, talking in low tones, when the scout suddenly touched the arm of his father and pointed to a little clearing, opening into the woods ahead. The two halted at sight of a couple of Indians picking berries. Their backs were toward the whites, who softly stepped behind the trees and held a whispered consultation as to what was best to do.

There was no doubt that the Indians were hostiles, and had they seen the others first would have shot them. Mr. Lampson and his boy decided to anticipate them. Taking advantage of the shelter afforded by a poplar surrounded with undergrowth, the father crept near enough to secure a good aim, when he fired at one of the Indians. The savage threw up his arms with a yell and fell to the ground badly wounded. Not knowing how many Indians might be near, Mr. Lampson began a cautious retreat, but was obliged to expose himself in doing so. The wounded Indian had partly risen and aimed at him. At the same instant Chauncey, the son, drew a bead on the wounded savage, while the unwounded one leveled his gun at the boy. Rather singularly, all three fired at the same moment.

Mr. Lampson received a flesh wound in the shoulder, the ball of the unarmed warrior grazed the boy's cheek, while the missile of the youth instantly killed the wounded Indian. Then, fearing a charge from a war party, Chauncey dashed off for help. As it grew dark the father started for home by a circuitous route and safely reached there after midnight. The body of the slain Indian was carried to Hutchinson, where, to the astonishment and relief of all, it was identified as that of the famous chief Little Crow.—Detroit Free Press.

Conclusions.
Landlord Hooks—Can you refer me to a work where I can learn how the ancient constructed those catapults that would throw stones half a mile?

Friend—Don't believe I can. Why do you want such information?
Hooks—Well, you see, I've advertised that this house is within a stone's throw of the railway station, and now I have got to rig up some plan for throwing that stone.—London Pic-Dits.

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